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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS TRAINING AND HUMAN RIGHTS

REF: (A) WENZEL/SULLIVAN LETTER OF MAY 13; (B) STATE 116200

1. REFERENCE A WITH ENCLOSURES PROVIDED COMPREHENSIVE BACKGROUND ON US SUPPRRT FOR CANU. AID SUPPORT CEASED JUNE 30, 1976.

2. CRITICISM OF PAST US SUPPORT FOR CANU STEMS ALMOST ENTIRELY FROM LILIOSA HILAO CASE WHICH OVER FOUR YEARS OLD. IN HIS DISCUSSION WITH SALZBERG APRIL 17, SENATOR DIOKNO REFERRED AT LENGTH TO HILAO CASE, BUT OFFERED NO OTHER PARTICULARS ON WHERE, WHEN OR HOW CANU RECENTLY INVOLVED IN DETAINEE MALTREATMENT, ALTHOUGH IT ENTIRELY POSSIBLE CANU SAFEHOUSES MAY HAVE BEEN USED FOR THIS PURPOSE.

3. REFTTEL B SEEMS TO SUGGEST THAT TRAINING PROPOSALS CITED MANILA 7374 AND STATE 108783 ARE ENTIRELY IN SUPPORT OF CANU. THIS NOT CORRECT. CANU IS ONLY ONE OF ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED IN NARCOTICS SUPPRESSION DRIVE. TRAINING REQUEST KIR NARCOTICS DOG TRAINER IS EXTREMELY TECHNICAL. EXPERTISE
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GAINED FROM THIS COURSE COULD BE USED ONLY IN THIS SPECIFIC AREA.

4. TRAINING SLOTS IN ADVANCED INTERNATIONAL DRUG ENFORCEMENT SCHOOL WILL BE GOING TO PROFESSIONALS IN NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT WHOSE PRIMARY JOB WILL BE TO INSTRUCT OFFICERS IN THE LOCAL NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT

INVESTIGATION SCHOOL WHICH IS ESSENTIALLY A TEACHER'S TRAINING PROGRAM. INDIVIDUALS SELECTED FOR COURSE REPRESENT CROSS SECTION OF GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND COME FROM VARIOUS CITIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. DEA HAS HELPED ENSURE THESE SLOTS NOT REPEAT NOT RESERVED ONLY FOR CANU REPRESENTATIVES OR NBI AGENTS AND WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR THIS CLOSELY.

5. IN SUM, I BELIEVE PROPOSALS FOR TECHNICAL TRAINING IN NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT FIELD UNDER CONSIDERATION ARE APPROPRIATE AND CONSONANT WITH OUR NARCOTICS SUPPRESSION EFFORT IN THE PHILIPPINES AND WORLDWIDE. I APPRECIATE THE CONCERN WHICH PROMPTED REFTEL, BUT DO NOT BELIEVE POSSIBILITY OF PROGRAM BEING MISUNDERSTOOD OR MISINTERPRETED ON HUMAN RIGHTS GROUNDS SHOULD CAUSE US TO TERMINATE WHAT HAS PROVEN TO BE A USEFUL ADJUNCT TO OUR OVERALL NARCOTICS SUPPRESSION PROGRAM.

6. PLEASE NOTE FOR EA ONLY CAPTION.
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